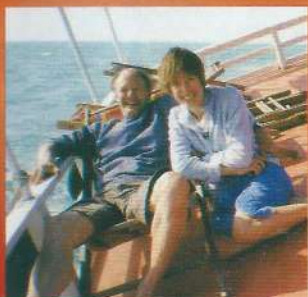




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Dear Members,

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

And extra-special birthday wishes to Mr. Julian Durant who turns 10 this Leap Year! Congratulations!!!

To make this month even more special, girls remember that on 29 February you can ask the man of your dreams to marry you... and he can't refuse! Single men, stay home!!!

Ed.



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BARRY'S BANTER



DEAR MEMBERS,

Last month we took the staff on their annual staff outing. We went to Khaw Kiew and Bangsen. Amazingly 72 staff showed up! We left the Club at 7 am with the drums already banging and the karaoke machine blaring out loudly, as it did for the next 15 hours. The staff had a great day; they had beach games, went banana boating, ate lots of food and drank a bit of beer also.

Last year the Club catered for 401 members' private functions plus 50 events, 6 in-house food promotions and 2 guest chef nights. The biggest outside event had to be the 303 people who came along to the Royal Barge Procession - a spectacular sight that started later than advertised and consequently quite few members were well in the party mood by time it did start. The biggest disappointment had to be the cancellation of the Rolling Stones Concert. We had over 400 people booked for the concert that never was. However we all had a great time at the Santana concert held later in the year.

I would like to thank all the Members who came and supported the Club's events in our Centenary Year. So now we are 101 years old and have lots of things planned for this year. Last month we had a Murder Mystery dinner at the Club. The event was the idea of Club Member Gisi Van Walbeek. Basically she was the driving force behind the evening the feed-back on the evening was good. We hope to plan another night in March.

In February, by time you receive your issue of this magazine, the problems at the poolside will have been sorted out. I apologise for the inconvenience caused during these emergency repairs.

I look forward to seeing you around your club soon,

Regards,

Baz.

Barry Osborne
Operations Manager

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CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

SPORTS

9.00am - midday	Squash Coaching
9.00am - 1.30pm	BC Swimming Instruction

SPORTS

7.00am - 1.00pm	Tennis Team Practice
9.00am - 11.00am	Junior Cricket
10.30am - midday	Taekwondo
11.00am - 1.00pm	Badminton - Soi Nares
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Children's Activities
3.00pm - 6.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
3.00pm	Yoga

SPORTS

8.00am	BWG Mahjong
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Tennis Team Practice

SPORTS

7.00am	Ladies' Golf
8.00am - 10.00am	Ladies' Tennis
10.30am - 11.30am	Aqua Aerobics
11.30am	Yoga
2.00pm - 5.30pm	Swim with the Bangkok Dolphins
2.00pm - 7.00pm	BC Swimming Instruction
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Football Training

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight	Ladies' Night
8.00pm - 11.00pm	Friendly Bridge
9.00pm	Gentlemen's Spoof

SPORTS

6.00pm - 9.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm	Cricket Nets

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm	Darts
7.00pm	Accumulator

SPORTS

8.00am - 10.00am	Ladies' Tennis
6.00pm - 9.00pm	Squash mix-in
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Rugby Training
9.00pm - 10.00pm	Hockey Training

SPORTS

9.00am	ANZWG Mahjong
3.30pm - 6.00pm	BC Tennis Coaching for Children
4.30pm - 5.15pm	Mini Squash
5.15pm - 6.00pm	Junior Squash
5.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
5.30pm	Swimming - Junior Squad Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm	Adult Tennis
6.30pm - 9.00pm	Poolside BBQ
7.00pm	Children's Movie Night

February at a Glance

Comedy Night	Thursday, 12 February
Valentine's Weekend	Friday, 13 - Sunday, 15 February
Bar Quiz Night	Tuesday, 17 February
Movie Night	Thursday 26-Feb

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St Patrick's	Sally Jamison Voravarn	0 9234 7074
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Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
Casuals Football	Colgate Ground, Rama III
Massage	Near the Silom Sala

Opening Times

10.00am - 11.00pm	Churchill Bar
11.30am - 2.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6.00pm - 10.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30am - 10.00pm	Poolside Bar
6.00am - 9.00pm	Fitness Centre
9.00am - 6.00pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

LOTS & LOTS!

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You will need to bring two jars for washing brushes but all other materials will be supplied.

This workshop is designed for beginner artists who are interested in learning this refined but disappearing art form. In these fascinating classes, you will learn how to hold and control the brush (a technique very different from holding a pen or paint brush), mix the correct consistency of ink and the use of traditional brush movements. In each lesson a picture will be completed and put into an album for students to keep.

Please register at reception

Charge: Bt 5000 for 8 weeks, 2 make up sessions

One-off classes at Bt 650 per class

COMEDY NIGHT

Thursday, 12 February at 7.30pm

Join us in the Churchill Bar for an evening of laughter with Del-Boy and Rodney. The first of the planned regular Comedy Nights features the hilarious British TV show Only Fools and Horses. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 12 for more details.

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND

Friday, 13 - Sunday, 15 February

Celebrate Valentine's Weekend in beautiful Luang Prabang, a World Heritage Site. Visit Wat Xieng Thong, enjoy a river trip to Tham Ting, partake of a romantic dinner at Le Elephant restaurant in and The Grand Luang Prabang Hotel, and much more. Price is inclusive of round-trip air ticket with Bangkok Airways, 2 nights accommodation (twin sharing), all tours with all entrance fees, visas, airport tax and all meals.

Charge: B. 23,500 per person.

For further information please contact Khun Oh or Khun Barry.

RUGBY SIX NATIONS

Saturday, 14 February and others...

Kick back with your mates and support your favourite teams in the comfort of the Club. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 30 for more details.

MARIAH CAREY CONCERT

Tuesday, 17 February

Hot stuff! Fans across the World will be so jealous of those Members that are quick enough to get these tickets from Barry. The concert is at Muang Thong Thani. Police-escorted coaches will leave the Club at 5.45pm in plenty of time to get to the Arena and then bring you back to the Club.

Charge: Bt 5,850 or Bt 4,350

Contact Barry for your tickets.

BAR QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 17 February at 7.30pm

Come along to the Suriwongse Room and have an exiting evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain. Each team can have a maximum of 6 participants and there is a registration fee of Bt 100 per team player.

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 26 Feb at 7.30pm

Miss Marple in A Pocket Full of Rye. Murder,

mystery, mayhem and Miss Marple. What marvellous movie magic. With the unforgettable Joan Hickson and Peter Davidson. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 12 for more details.

MARCH

FORMULA 1 MOTOR RACING

Sunday 7 March & 21 March

The Australian and the Malaysian Grand Prix are the races shown this month. Qualifying rounds will be shown live the Saturday before each race. See page 24 for full details of the schedule of races up to October.

APRIL

DISNEY ON ICE 2004

Sunday, 4 April

Beauty and the Beast, an enchanting fairy story, is being shown at Impact Arena at Muang Thong Tani. The BC group will leave the Club at 3.45pm in readiness for the 6.00pm show. This is a great family treat! Cost includes transportation to and from Impact Arena. Please sign up at Reception.

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PASSING PADI WITH PETER

Congratulations to new Open Water Divers, Gwendoline Dumenil and her father, Keith Begley. Also to Martina Zinkwe-Beutel for completing the Navigation Specialty Course.

I talked to Gwendoline about starting the course approximately one and a half years ago, but she had to delay it due to being pregnant at the time. So after the recommended 3 months post-delivery recovery and nursing she invited her visiting father to join her in the course. Time was somewhat limited and required several long training days in the BCB pool's cool water. It was cool enough that Gwendoline had to purchase a diving wet suit to stay in the water for more than 20 minutes at a time. In addition, the knowledge development portion revealed a strong, friendly competition for the highest score on the final exam between Gwendoline and her husband, Tim, who had completed the course in August 2002. Congratulations Gwendoline!

There had been several days of strong wind and choppy waves in the Pattaya dive sites, so we had our first two open water dives in the shallow

waters of the sheltered bay at Ko Chan island, south of Laem Samae San fishing village. There were many small coral heads and several interesting large giant clams to pet. The last two dives were back at Ko Larn island west of Pattaya, based on the next day's milder weather forecast. So much for the local weather forecast accuracy as you can see in the photograph of Gwendoline and her father while sitting or sliding (?) on the top deck of the dive boat after our last two dives.

"I'm looking forward to Gwendoline starting her Advanced Open Water course soon so she and Tim can start diving together.

I am planning a dive trip in March to the Similan Islands that would be a great dive opportunity for them and other members of the BCB."

Martina completed her navigation specialty course last November. Martina is working on her 5 specialty courses to complete the Master Scuba Diver with the possibility of Dive Master later. We had several "walk through practice sessions" in the back lawn of the BCB. It is much easier and efficient to do this on dry land rather trying it underwater and having communications limited. She feels pretty competent in finding her way underwater now. As we came up from our last dive another instructor found a very nice gold ring with a good size diamond laying on the sand directly under the boat. No one claimed it however. It shows to keep alert for small shiny objects underwater!

Peter C. Gary

HELLOS & FAREWELLS

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AROUND THE CLUB.

Mr. Roger Pochin
Mr. Philip Grima
Mr. William Slape
Mr. Stuart Hellon
Mr. Kiwamu Honda
Mr. Ad van Oers
Mr. Jucksawat Kitisook
Mrs. Aranya Sinhaseni
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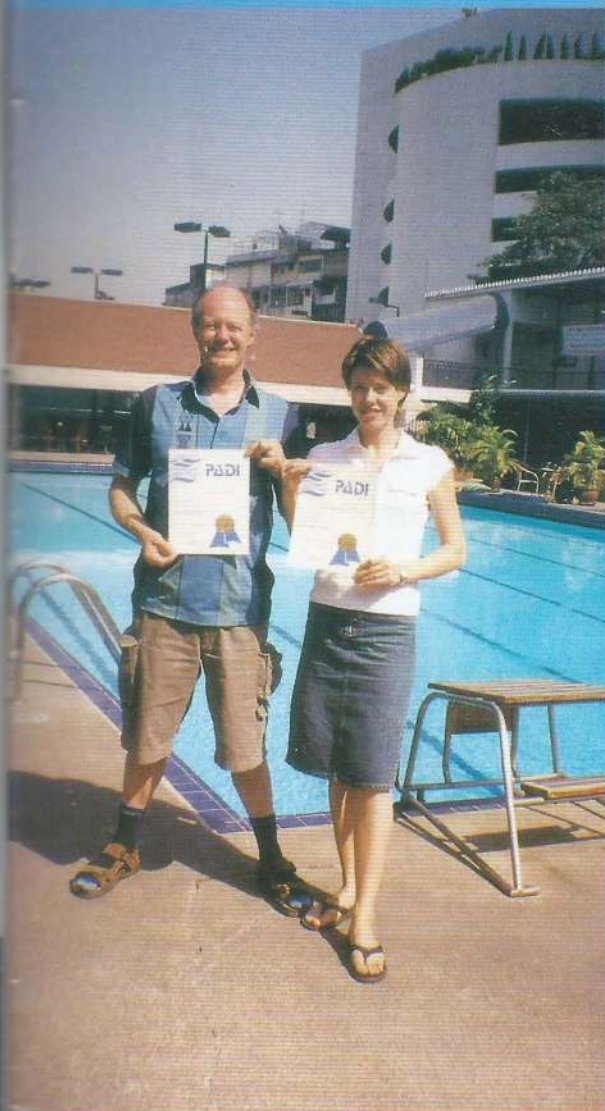
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SCUBA



Rock and rolling on the boat during a forecasted calm day.



Gwendoline and Keith with their Open Water Diver certificates.

Peter C. Gary

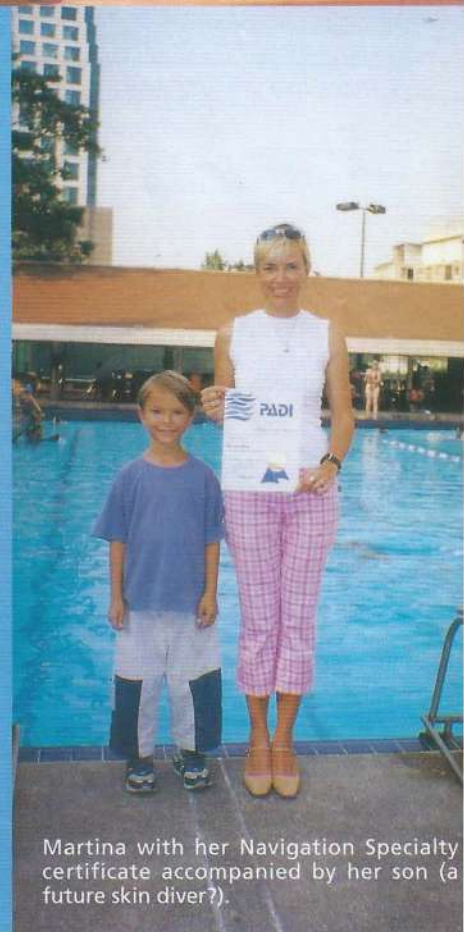
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Martina with her Navigation Specialty certificate accompanied by her son (a future skin diver?).



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GOLF SHOTS

The British Club Golfers said goodbye to 2003 and hello 2004 in true style - on the golf course! Our last game of 2003 was a Club Day at Royal Lad Krabang and our first game of 2004 was the traditional New Year 'three clubs and a putter' format at Suphapreuk. We also managed to squeeze in the final of our club matchplay, the December Medal and our hangover cure at Bangpakong.

MATCH PLAY FINAL ROYAL LAD KRABANG

Mike Staples v David Lamb

Throughout the year, the British Club Golfers compete in the knockout matchplay competition. The golfers battling it out in this year's final were Mike Staples and



John Rae wins flight A.

Larry wishing Lamby all the best.

David Lamb. Both are experienced matchplay players so we were in for a great final match. Before play began, many of us wandered if Mike would have an advantage given that David had been at the British Club Centenary Dinner the night before! This didn't prove to be the case and the match was always close. In the end Mike Staples triumphed beating David two and one to win the Matchplay Trophy - the only British Club Trophy yet to grace his cabinet!

DECEMBER MEDAL ROYAL LAD KRABANG

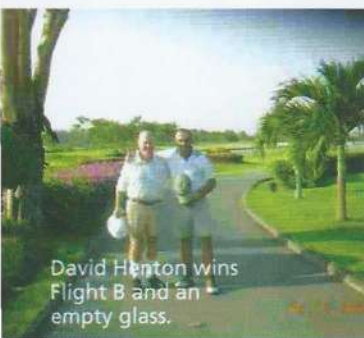
Our final medal of the year was played at Royal on 28 December. This gave some of us a chance to work off some of those mince pies consumed over Christmas.



Brad and James all smiles before being beaten by the ladies in pink - Larry and Vicky.



Lords and Churchills happy to share the points.



David Henton wins Flight B and an empty glass.



Carole Ann wins flight C.



David and Mike still friends before the matchplay final.



Mike celebrating with a quick half.



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John Rae, a new member of the British Club Golf Section, won flight A. John scored an impressive gross 70, net 68 to take first place. Ed Ashman was second with a net 71 and Karen Holloway was third with a net 72. David Henton was our winner in B Flight with a gross 90, net 71. Nick White was second with a net 72 and Barry Ashman took third place with a net 74.

Carole Anne Eastgate won the C Flight medal with a gross 108, net 73. Bryan Baldwin was second with a net 74.

Karen Holloway, John Rae, Nick White and Larry Goodliffe each pick up a sleeve of balls for being nearest the pin on the par threes. Nick White also won the Men's Long Drive and Karen Carter won the ladies. Edwin Ferner sank the longest putt.

We were delighted to welcome two guests on the day. Carole was Karen Carter's guest and Ken was a guest of Peter Bond.

Congratulations to all the winners!

CLUB DAY AT ROYAL LAD KRABANG

Hogmanay was celebrated in true style with a Club Day at Royal. (As I write this, it seems that we were never away from Royal in December!) The format for the day was a stableford competition.

The results:

1st Bryan Dodd	40 points
2nd Karen Holloway	36 points
3rd Andy Flynn	35 points
4th Barry Ashman	35 points

Near Pins were won by Karen Carter, Bryan Dodd, Joom White and Harland Bulow. Harland also won the Men's Long Drive. Bridget won the Ladies Long Drive and Karen Carter sank the longest putt.

CLUB DAY AT SUPHAPRUEK

We figured that even the British Club Golfers should have recovered from Hogmanay by 2 January so a Club Day was organised at Suphapruek. This was the traditional New Year Game with a difference. Rather than playing with a full set of golf clubs, each player must select three clubs and a putter and play their entire round with just those clubs. There were some pretty respectable scores posted and some players must now be wondering why they forked out for a full set of clubs when three proved to be more than sufficient!

Guy Snow was our winner on the day with a stableford score of 31 points. Carole Anne Eastgate was in second place with 30 points and Jo Goodliffe was third with 29 points.

Andy Flynn, Paul Heslop, Karen Carter and Helen Heslop each picked up a prize for being nearest the pin on the par threes. Karen Carter won the Ladies Long Drive and Bryan Dodd won the Men's. Karen Holloway sank the longest putt.

We were delighted to welcome Paul Heslop (Helen's brother) as a guest and hope to see him in playing with us again.

HANGOVER CURE AT BANGPAKONG

With most of our regular players back from their travels, we had a great turnout of players for the Hangover game at Bangpakong. The format of the day was a Girls v Boys stableford competition. There were also prizes for the best individual players.

The final result was calculated using the average number of points scored by each team. The Girls managed a very respectable average of 33 points however; the Boys were triumphant with an average of 34.9 points. Thus proving that the Boys were far less hung over than the Girls! (No reflection of ability of course!)

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Boys		Girls	
1st Roy Barratt	42 points	1st Joom White	40 points
2nd John Rae	41 points	2nd Orin Baldwin	39 points

Nick White, Roy Barratt, John Rae and Joom White all added to their collections of golf balls by picking up a near pin each. John Rae won the Men's Long Drive and Karen Holloway won the ladies.

BRITISH CLUB TEAMS CLASH IN PWC EPIC

The British Club has two teams who play in the PWC Golf League. They are BC Lords and BC Churchill's. The nature of the league means that, once a year the two British Club Teams have to play one another. This year the BC battle was left until the final match of the season - just to add to the tension! Traditionally the BC Churchill's Team have been the form team coming into this fixture and have a great record of success in the league. However, BC Lords were well on the way to their highest ever position in the league and were feeling confident that they could cause an upset.

In the end the fixture lived up to much hyped expectation with BC Lords thrashing BC Churchill's two games all!!!! Well you now know which team the scribe plays for!

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February		
22	Club Day and AGM	Krungthep Kreetha
29	Medal	Royal
March		
5 - 7	Away Weekend	TBA
21	Guest Day and BBQ	Royal
28	Medal	Khow Kheow
April		
3 - 4	Seniors and Juniors	Soi Dao
25	Medal	Royal

Vicky Jones

ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES MEET SHERLOCK HOLMES!

(also known as "Elementary my dear Del Boy!")

We are restarting the Clubhouse VDO Nights with a combined programme of monthly British Comedies and monthly Famous Detectives

Every second Thursday we will run a classic British comedy series, and every fourth Thursday a story from one of the UK's best known

Detectives or Detective authors. Each evening the doors will open at 7pm to allow you to get seated, order dinner or drinks, or both, and get ready for a 7.30pm start. The full Churchill F&B and Lord's wine menu will be available throughout the evening. Entertainment is aimed to end by 9.30pm for those needing to dash home!

THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE UNTIL JUNE IS ...

Thursday 29-Jan	Sherlock Holmes in The Hound of the Baskervilles With Jeremy Brett and Edward Hardwicke	Thursday 22-Apr	The Pilot & first episodes of The Sweeney With John Thaw and Dennis Waterman
Thursday 12-Feb	A compilation of Only Fools & Horses With David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst	Thursday 6-May	The Eric Sykes Silent Classics With Eric Sykes, Hattie Jacques, and Tommy Cooper
Thursday 26-Feb	Miss Marple in A Pocket Full of Rye With Joan Hickson and Peter Davidson	Thursday 20-May	Sherlock Holmes in A Scandal in Bohemia & The Dancing Men With Jeremy Brett and David Burke
Thursday 11-Mar	The first four episodes of The Young Ones With Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson	Thursday 3-Jun	Best of Ronnie Barker/Best of Peter Sellers With Ronnie Barker and Peter Sellers
Thursday 25-Mar	Hercule Poirot in Death on the Nile With Peter Ustinov and David Niven	Thursday 17-Jun	Agatha Christie's Seven Dials Mystery With Terrance Alexander and Cheryl Campbell
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CENTENNARY SQUASH

The weekend of 14, 15 and 16 November saw the coming together of 6 teams from throughout Thailand as well as two from Hong Kong, to celebrate the Centenary of the British Club. The competing teams were split into two groups of 4 as follows:

GROUP A

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB
MUSCLE AND MUSCLE, BANGKOK
CHIANG MAI
BRITISH CLUB 2

GROUP B

POLO CLUB, BANGKOK
BRITISH CLUB 1
HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB
PATTAYA

The format of the competition allowed for each team to play all the other teams in their Group, with each team having 5 players. The winners of each group would then play off in the Final. The players representing the British Club were:

BC1

James Quinn
 David Lines
 Jamie Heywood
 Steve Tostevin
 Ray Coleman
 Nick White
 Steve Bell
 Chris Browning

BC2

Marvyn Lewis
 Shiraz Poonevala
 Charles Whiteley
 Peter Corney
 John Vivian



David Lines looking suitably refreshed after his game against the Thai Number 1!



Hong Kong Football Club captain Phil Head, still searching for those racquets??



Enjoying a post match (or pre-match?) drink by the pool



Peter Corney's farewell speech



The runners-up Muscle and Muscle



Presentation from Hong Kong Football Club



Tournament winners, the Polo Club



Presentation from Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club

The overall standard of the squash was extremely high, especially from the Thai teams who were represented by the top players in Thailand. The spectators were also treated to some excellent squash from the Hong Kong club professionals who provided great entertainment as well as real sportsmanship.

However the lesser players amongst us also enjoyed some very close matches, which may not have been as high a standard as the professionals but still provided some really entertaining moments.

The spirit of the weekend was summed up by the attitude of the Hong Kong Football Club team. Their first game on Friday evening was due to start at 5.00pm. Most of their team were ready and waiting to start their match at the allotted time. However, they were unfortunately missing a couple of vital elements, their captain (Phil Head) and their racquets! It transpired that Phil was still on the golf course at the Bangkok Sports Club, with all of the team's racquets in his golf bag! A couple of phone calls later (and it has to be said a couple of beers for the waiting players) and Phil was on his way. In the meantime, the match started with the Hong Kong Football Club players using borrowed racquets. The whole episode was accepted by everybody with plenty of humour and Phil survived the constant ribbing throughout the weekend.

The competition for the first places in the Groups finally brought together the Polo Club and Muscle and Muscle. It has to be said that the British Club teams played extremely well to compete with some very good teams and the BC 1 team actually came 2nd in their group. All of the players contributed to this achievement, but special mention must be made of Nick White who produced 2 tremendous performances against much younger opponents (well they would have to be, wouldn't they!).

The BC2 team also competed well and came third overall in a very strong group.

The final match between the Polo Club and

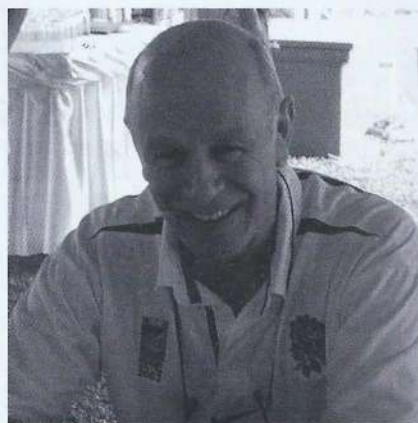
Muscle and Muscle brought together the top players in Thailand with the Polo Club having the national numbers 1 and 2, Chatawin and Poowis. They were also extremely strong in depth and were also represented by Visuth, Apirom and Jate.

The Muscle and Muscle team, had performed extremely well to come out at the top of their group, ahead of a very strong Hong Kong Football Club team, were represented by Tosapon, Jarun, Nicolas, Pawadol, Akom and Sompong.

The match was extremely hard fought with most of the games going to a deciding game. However, the strength, at the top of the order of the Polo Club team was too much for the Muscle and Muscle team to overcome. The Polo Club ran out worthy winners 4-1, to take the competition.

At the conclusion of the competition the players, friends and families all enjoyed an excellent barbeque lunch. Some complained of indigestion but this was solely due to the fact that they had to listen to Peter Corney giving a farewell speech.

Seriously though, Peter gave an excellent speech and his efforts, together with the tournament organisers, were graciously recognised by all the other team captains who also gave brief speeches of thanks. They also presented to Peter, on



Martin Reed - suitably dressed for the Semi-final of the Rugby World Cup.

behalf of the British Club, mementos of their own clubs.

The tournament was so successful that all of the teams asked that we make this an annual event, which we are actively considering.

The tournament could not have been this successful without the fantastic response we received from members who made personal contributions to help fund the event. We gratefully thank the following people:

Dick Anwar
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André Tissera
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In addition, we also received tremendous support from a number of sponsors and, once again, we would like to thank the following companies for supporting our tournament:

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I would also like to thank the organising committee who worked for a number of months to pull everything together to ensure the success of the tournament. The organising committee was:

Peter Corney
Marvyn Lewis
Chris Browning
James Crossley Smith
Steve Bell
David Eastgate

Finally, the committee would also like to thank all the staff of the British Club, who worked so hard to make all of our guests most welcome.
Steve Bell

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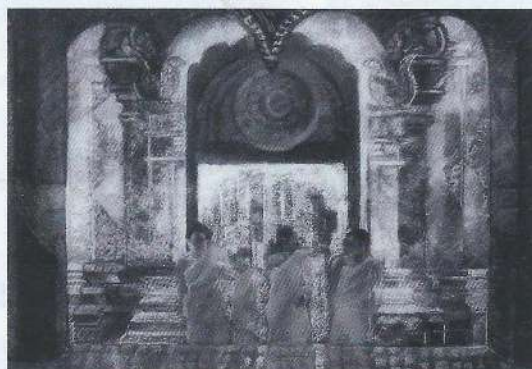
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Dear Editor,

Re: DRESS CODE

Whilst welcoming the "updated dress code" for Churchill Bar and the Lord's Dining Room, I am wondering if it goes far enough?

I fully support the need for members and their guests to wear neat, casual attire after 6pm but I am wondering if we are not throwing away good business from the Sports sections if we enforce it all evening? I refer, in general, to Soccer and Rugby practice on Tuesday and Thursday evening when I feel we should allow the sports guys in the bar for a pint when they finish (roughly after 9pm) and specifically to the Six-Nations Rugby Championship which is televised LIVE from 9pm most Saturdays and Sundays from 14 February to 28 March - somehow watching rugby in a polo neck shirt does seem fair play!

Regards,

Paul Cheesman

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MEMBERS' INTERESTS

NATIONAL MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY LECTURES 2004

Date: Thursday, 5 February

Time: 10:00 am

Subject: "From Buddhist Stories to Modern Art"

Lecturer: Sandra Cate

Location: National Museum Auditorium, Naphrathat Road

Coffee will be served from 09:30 am. Free admission.

Synopsis:

Wat Buddhapadipa, the Thai temple in Wimbledon, England, contains some of the most radical and engaging interpretations of the past lives of the Buddha ever painted. Depicting the Jataka tales, the artists also comment on global popular culture, celebrity icons, and the politics of their time. Why, then, were they painted in London and not in Bangkok? Focusing on the Wat Buddhapadipa murals, anthropologist Sandra Cate will discuss the 20th century transformation of Thai temple art into modern art, changing functions of visual narrative, and the place of art in Thai society.

Date: Thursday, 26 February

Time: 10:00 am

Subject: "The Influences of Sri Lanka on Thai Art"

Lecturer: Dr. Piriya Krairiksh

Location: National Museum Auditorium, Naphrathat Road

Coffee will be served from 09:30 am. Free Admission.

Synopsis:

Although Thailand and Sri Lanka profess the same Theravadin Buddhist religion, stylistically, the art of Thailand has little in common with that of Sri Lanka. This lecture will explore the history of how direct communication as early as the 15th century between groups of Monks inspired artistic creativities and attempted to revive Thai art along Sinhalese models.



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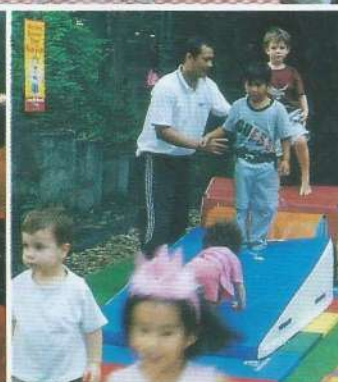
Here is a selection of photographs taken at the Club around the holiday season, featuring the annual party for kids from the local deaf schools, our own little cherubs' party, the ball for the not-so-cherubic adults, and the feasting on Christmas Day inside and outside of the Club House!



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Dear Editor,

YOU'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE!

If fellow member Tony Shaw wants to compare club prices with his native UK in an attempt to show that the club is not expensive that is up to him. In the real world, however, I live in Bangkok and sadly the club is becoming increasingly less competitive. Set Lunch at the club is now far more expensive than local competitors like Barbican and its Cod & Chips is 50% more expensive than the Off-shore Chippy in Soi 21 as two examples and you don't pay monthly fees to dine in these places.

Regards,

Paul Cheesman

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As you are aware, it was not possible this year, for many reasons, to hold our annual fund raising event for Thai charities, The Ploenchit Fair.

In these circumstances, the British Ambassador to Thailand H.E. Mr. David Fall has kindly consented to this Committee holding a St. Valentine's Day Ball in the grounds of his Residence to enable us to continue to assist our regular Thai charities throughout 2004.

This exclusive event will principally be sponsored by Coutts Bank and themed as a romantic evening in the beautiful setting on the lawns of the Residence by the lake. A five-course dinner will be followed by an entertainment programme and dancing - each lady will receive a special Valentine's gift. Dress is Red Sea Rig and the ticket price, Bht 5,000, is fully inclusive of champagne, wines and drinks throughout the evening.

This will be an opportunity not only to celebrate Valentine's Day with your partners in such a dream setting, but to help those less fortunate in Thailand, as all proceeds from the evening will be allocated to charity projects by this Committee in 2004.

Last year, BCTFN distributed 6.5 million baht to over 35 charities throughout Thailand, so please do reserve your tickets or tables early and enable us to continue our support - numbers are limited.

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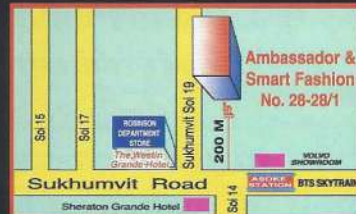
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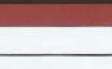

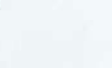
DATES - 2004

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This year, assuming France still remains, there will be a record 18 Grand Prixes as we welcome Bahrain and China to the fold, and see the welcome return of Belgium.

So whether you support Michael Schumacher, Kimi Raikkonen, Juan Pablo Montoya or even think that DC (David Coulthard) could make a comeback - support FORMULA ONE in THE CHURCHILL BAR (almost) EVERY SUNDAY!

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	5	May 9	Spanish Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	6	May 23	Monaco Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	7	May 30t	European Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	8	June 14 (Mon)	Canadian Grand Prix	Recorded at	6pm
	9	June 20 (Mon)	American Grand Prix	Recorded at	6pm
	10	July 7	French Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	11	July 11	British Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	12	July 25	German Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	13	August 15	Hungarian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	14	August 29	Belgian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	15	Sep 12	Italian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By the time that you read this "Chat" our ladies will have taken part in the Ladies Doubles Inter-Club Tournament, this year being held at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. A report will no doubt be shown in next month's **Outpost**.

At the time of writing, looking back over the last month, the highlight was undoubtedly the Centenary Christmas Ball. Despite a rather small Tennis Table this year, we all had a great deal of fun at a memorable event. So much so that one of our number failed to make it past midnight, but that was caused by the imbibing of copious quantities of wines and spirits from 6.30pm!

Rather less successful in results terms was the Tennis Section Team that thoroughly enjoyed participating in the BC Centenary Quiz. I am reliably informed that we "probably came in towards the end of the field, at best". Never mind, it is the participation that counts!

The draw has been made for the 2004 "Dunlop" Tennis Championships and we have some great match-ups in prospect. The Mens Singles entry looks very strong, as does the Mens Doubles and to a slightly lesser extent the Mixed Doubles. Don't forget Finals Day and the presentations to follow on Saturday, 13 March 2004.

Have you seen the plinth and plaque located next to the entrance to the Centre Court? The plaque commemorates the opening of the courts in 1993 by 3 times Wimbledon Champion and world great tennis player Bjorn Borg, who actually played an exhibition match to open the courts.

The Tennis Section Committee remains concerned about the reliability of the new floodlighting on the hard courts, where different lights seem to fail each evening, and we are working with Club Management to get the matter resolved. In a similar vein, we are seeking a much-improved effort from the BC Management and Staff as regards the daily maintenance of the tennis courts in general and the yet to bed-down new synthetic grass courts. Whilst the latter are now playing much better and with a generally very reliable ball bounce, more needs to be done.

One major benefit to the Tennis Section from the Centenary Tennis Tournament is that we now have a stock of the Centenary Tennis Shirts - top quality "Head" tennis shirts with the BC Logos and which are so light, you really don't know that you are wearing them. With the hi-tech material that has been used, sweat actually dries through the shirt. They are a joy to wear, and are being issued to our Mens Tennis Team Members for use when playing Inter-Club Matches. They are also available for purchase at the Fitness centre at the ridiculously low price of Baht 500 each - so go and buy now!

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Best regards,

Terry Adams

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In returning service the partner of the receiver should call the service line for him, with the receiver calling the centre line and the side line, although either partner may make an out call on any shot (service or other) that he clearly sees out. It is difficult for the receiver, who is looking across the service line, to call with accuracy a shot that lands near that line. This is the reason why in singles a receiver will frequently find himself unsure of a serve and put it in play even though later it is determined that it was out.

Returning a service that is obviously out (accompanied by an out call) is a form of rudeness, and when the receiver knows that in making these returns he bothers the server it is gamesmanship. At the same time it must be expected that a fast service that just misses the line will frequently with justification be returned as a matter of self-protection, even though an out call is made. The speed of deliveries is such that if the receiver waited for a call before he started to make a return he would be overpowered. Probably the most difficult shot in tennis to call accurately is a hard flat service, aimed directly at the receiver, that hits within an inch of the service line in a grass court singles match.

Returning a first service that is obviously out without an out call in an attempt to catch an opponent off guard is cheating. At the same time, if the receiver in good faith gives the server the benefit of the doubt and returns an out ball, the server is not entitled to refuse the benefit of the doubt and ask for a let on the basis that since he saw the serve out the return caught him by surprise.

When the server causes a delay between the first and second serves, he has one serve to come. When there is a delay between serves that

interrupts the natural flow of the match and when the delay is caused by the receiver or outside interference, the server has two serves to come. The receiver determines whether the delay has interrupted the natural flow of the match.

THE TENNIS SECTION COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS

We want to encourage you to take full advantage of the tennis facilities offered by the Club to all Members. While any member can casually use the courts by booking through the Fitness Centre, there are also many organised events arranged by the Tennis Section Committee. Some of the more regular ones are listed.

MONTHLY

At least one social and one competitive home or away match is played by Club Teams. (Player level is determined in advance by agreement between opposing Team Captains.) If you can inform me or any other Tennis Committee member a day or so in advance of your proposed participation, we will arrange for one of our Committee Members to introduce you to other players and to chaperone you through your first event. If you are not sure at which level to enter please do not hesitate to contact me for further advice and assistance.

The Section also runs a Tennis Ladder and regular Monthly Singles Leagues. Participating is an excellent way of improving your tennis and of meeting other players. All details can be found on the Tennis Notice Board at the back of Court No. 1 or just ask any Committee Member. We also run a Juniors Section for players up to the age of 18 years, where regular practice sessions are held with a qualified and experienced coach, plus we play matches against the Juniors from other clubs on a regular basis.

Membership in the Tennis section is Bt 300 annually and this allows you to participate in any one or all of the above events throughout the year. Please make sure that you have provided accurate contact information to the BC as soon as possible as otherwise you will not receive our regular newsletter and other tennis information circulations. Looking forward to meeting you on our courts in the very near future.

Weekly Schedule:

MONDAY:	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	MIX-IN
(ALL GRADES OF PLAYERS)		
WEDNESDAY:	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	MIX-IN
(ALL GRADES OF PLAYERS)		
FRIDAY:	5:00 PM - 10:00 PM	MIX-IN
(ALL GRADES OF PLAYERS)		
SUNDAY:	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	MIX-IN
(ALL GRADES OF PLAYERS)		
SUNDAY:	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	CAPTAIN'S COURT
(TOP 12 MEN AND TOP 5 LADIES OR BY CAPTAIN'S INVITATION)		

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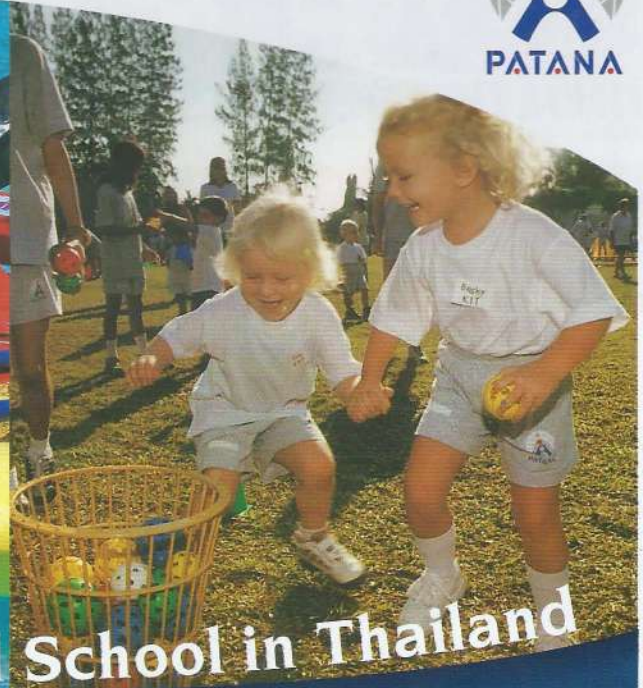
CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Every Friday evening at the Silom sala at 7.00pm. No charge for the kids.

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THE RATCATCHER TURNS 60

JIMMY'S "OLD GITS" VERSUS THE PATTAYA PANTHERS!

Pattaya and Bangkok's Rugby Finest Assemble to Celebrate Jimmy Howard's 60th Birthday with a Game of Rugby at The Horse Shoe Point Resort on 10 January 2004.

THE CALLING TO ORDER

Several BC Rugby Section Committee members were contacted on Tuesday 6 January by Jimmy "The Ratcatcher" Howard to participate in his 60th birthday party comprising a game of rugby at The Horse Shoe Point Resort followed by a black shorts dinner at Shenanigan's Pub. A calling to order then followed and emails were issued to the BC Rugby Section and The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers so as to help "The Ratcatcher" celebrate his 60th birthday in style.

BC Rugby Team Manager Ben Knowles, realising that many of the squad were unavailable either due to injury, leave or participating in the Thai University Games, extended the invitation to our Bangkok cousins, The Southerners, to get as many Bangkok players as possible to pop down to Pattaya. In the event BC Vets Vince Swift, Stephen "Brainless" Buttling, Rugby Section Chairman Jon Prichard, 1989 BC Rugby



Captain Peter Snell (now based in Singapore), one of our Thai players Khun Ert and bolstered by a number of Southerners players, all assembled at The Horse Shoe Point Resort on a muggy Saturday afternoon.

Having had special jerseys made sporting "The Chairman's 60th Invitational 15", these were then handed out to what would later be known as "Jimmy's Old Gits" to line up against the Pattaya Panthers of which "The Ratcatcher" is Chairman. So the two teams were a mixture of chums and buddies against his teammates!

THE BRIEFEST OF SELECTIONS AND PRE-MATCH PRACTICES

After putting on the jerseys, the "Old Gits" gradually started to realise that all of the shirts actually had the number 60 on them! This would provide some lighthearted laughter amongst the crowd of 30 or so onlookers later in the match when the referee blew a penalty for an infringement by number 60!

"The Ratcatcher" decided that the format would be three periods of 20 minutes with the caveat of "..... but let's see how we all are feeling and maybe we'll reduce the final two periods!"

After selecting the front row, the remainder of the pack, and deciding on the placement of the "girls" amongst the back line, the forwards practiced some lineout moves whilst the girls danced around trying to convince the crowd that they would actually be able to put some moves together during the game! "The Ratcatcher" then announced that he would like to form a front row with a combined age of 180 years old! This proved not to be quite possible and upon realising this, our Jimmy turned to Jon Prichard and asked if he minded playing loose head prop. JP nodded before realising he had been completely stitched up, as the Panther's tight head was the biggest FB on the park by a mere 30 kilos from the nearest rival!



THE FIRST PERIOD – THE PANTHER'S COME OUT STORMING

The referee blew his whistle, the game kicked off and the Panther's came out storming! What for many of the spectators was expected to be a "social" game during which the Panthers would gift a victory to their Chairman would soon turn out to be complete nonsense as a hard but gentlemanly game proceeded. It didn't take the Panther's too long to get a score as they scored a try in the 5th minute which was converted to take the lead at 7 – 0. As only a few of the Panther's are personally known to Scribe, the Spoofers tradition of "unknown" was to apply for the remainder of the afternoon.

After ten minutes the first signs of fatigue sat in to the "Old Gits" as Stephen Buttling came off for a breather. This turned out to be more than a little breather as his boots suddenly fell apart. This was later diagnosed as fatigue caused by lack of use as the boots were making their first outing since 1990! "Brainless" thought that he would be able to sit out the remainder of the game – how wrong this assumption would prove to be!

In the 12th minute the referee penalised number 60 for being offside! The crowd were in fits and the "Old Gits" looked at each other trying to work out who the offender was. The Panther's seized the moment, took a quick tap penalty and one of the many "Unknown's" immediately scored a try. This was converted and the score went out to 14 – 0 to the Panthers.

The Panthers continued to apply pressure and attacked the "Old Gits" blind side wing. Now the Bluffers Guide to Rugby describes the Blind Side as "the art of being on the side of the pitch where nothing is happening" and this wing position was occupied by Vince Swift! After realising that he was about to be put under pressure Vinno responded but his legs took a full ten seconds to get going. He did manage to catch his opposite wing and sort of apply something broadly resembling a tackle only for the ball to be off loaded and for the Panthers to score a try which was successfully converted and to extend their lead to 21 – 0.

The referee then blew for the end of the first period as the players took on some water whilst the "Old Gits" briefly rested and try to catch their breath. "Brainless" was busy showing his team mates his broken boots only for "The Ratcatcher" to pass him a spare pair with the

instruction "to get warmed up for the second period"!

THE SECOND PERIOD – "JIMMY'S OLD GITS": THE INVITATIONAL 15 ARE CHRISTENED

JP decided to rest a little longer than the others and then shouted encouragement from the touchline which comprised "come on Jimmy's Old Gits" and the team was thus Christened. As the crowd took the nickname of the invitational 15 to heart and were heard to use the name to encourage the team, this strangely only succeeded in spurring on the Panther's, as another unknown scored a try in the 22nd minute. This was again successfully converted and took the score out to 28 – 0.

Shortly after the restart the Panther's tight head prop and the biggest FB on the park, turned an ankle and it took the combined efforts of JP in conjunction with Scribe to help the FB from the field. Several minutes later, there was a very strange noise from the bushes near the touchline, which sounded like an animal being slaughtered. Further investigation by Scribe led straight to the Panther's FB throwing up in the bushes! Not a pretty sight.

The "Old Gits" were by now starting to feel the heat and in the 30th minute "The Ratcatcher" came off for a rest and was replaced in the front row by JP. In the 32nd minute it was time for a rest by Vinno from the Blind Side wing – refer to the description provided above.

Then in the 36th minute with the Panthers starting to tire a little, the "Old Gits" scored a try under the posts. This was scored by, you guessed it, number 60! At this point "The Ratcatcher" substituted the kicker with himself and decided that the birthday boy would take the conversion! A beautifully struck conversion sailed between the uprights closing the gap to 28 – 7 as Jimbo then substituted himself again! For the remainder of the period the honours were even though it was a little surprising that the "Old Gits" didn't work out the Panthers lineout calls. The calls generally consisted of the use of names of the England Rugby World Cup squad. A reference to Jonny Wilkinson or Martin Johnson generally led to the ball going to the tail of the lineout or indeed straight into the centre! That aside the "Old Gits" acquitted themselves very well as the second period came to a close.

THE THIRD PERIOD – "EXPERIENCE TELLS"

As the "Old Gits" took on plenty of water, huffed and puffed, "The Ratcatcher" was busy with a pep talk that will surely one day find its way to the hall of fame. Whilst the delivery was eloquent, Jimbo obviously did not see that the majority of his invitational 15 were seated and resting – a polite expression for being knackered – this excluded JP who freely admitted that if he sat down he would not be able to get up again! "The Ratcatcher" was obviously taking no notice of this as he repeated "..... guys, come on. You know that in the final period, experience always tells!"

For the final quarter, "The Ratcatcher" borrowed a few of the Panthers players to even things up and suitably re-charged "Old Gits" took it to the Panthers during the final period of twenty minutes.

In the 44th minute the mark of experience showed with Peter Snell completely missing a tackle and the ball in the space of a matter of seconds! All he caught was a series of grass burns, but he was to later redeem himself when, after being rested and finding himself on the touchline, he protected a young child from being completely squashed when two FB's literally fell into touch! In the 50th minute JP did a fine impression of England's Jonny Wilkinson with a floated pass to the outside centre – except there was absolutely nobody in sight.

The third period was notable as the "Old Gits" back line started to actually work and whilst there were to be no scores from either side in the period, the "Old Gits" put together some fine rugby for a scratch team. It was also notable for the fact the Vince Swift played in the front row which must have disorientated him completely as he drop an absolute sitter of a pass in the 55th minute!

GAME OVER – HEAD FOR THE POOL!

When the final whistle blew and as both sets of players formed tunnels and clapped each team and the ref from the field, the biggest cheer was reserved for "The Ratcatcher" as all assembled rugby folk including players, "Old Gits" and the touchline crowd celebrated the fact Jimbo had decided that on his 60th birthday he wanted to have fun playing rugby. ABSOLUTELY BLOODY MARVELLOUS!

With the game over, all headed for the swimming to cool down and have a few beers

as "The Ratcatcher" circulated amongst the assembled chums and buddies sharing ale with all.

BLACK SHORTS DINNER AT SHENANIGAN'S

After all had managed to shower and change it was time to head for Pattaya's finest pub, Shenanigan's. After signing the birthday book at the entrance door, all entered the main part of the pub where almost all the tables had a "reserved for Jimbo's party" sign on them. "The Ratcatcher" had asked all to attend wearing black shorts and some form of Panthers top – either a playing shirt, a polo or a T-shirt. Scribe attended with family and visiting Mum thinking that this rule would not apply to family, only to

be fined by the birthday boy himself to procure Panthers shirts for wife, sons and Mum to make to make him a happy bunny!

After laying on food along with several barrels of beer for assembled friends, "The Ratcatcher" then circulated making sure all were well. Scribe was left with no place to hide as his Mum and "The Ratcatcher" exchanged stories about Scribe, obviously at Scribe's expense! Realising that he had to circulate, "The Ratcatcher" moved on giving poor Scribe some recovery time but was a frequent visitor to Scribe's table until we left just short of midnight!

The speeches then followed together with several rugby songs including Jerusalem and Swing Low. "The Ratcatcher's" speech was quite short just thanking all for coming and to take

plenty of ale and food. The Panthers presented the birthday boy with a wicked jacket which is rather difficult to describe aside to say that the inside lining looked very similar to leopard skin and the outside was a stunning cerise with the odd bit of Panther black, which would be of particular appeal to the colour blind amongst you!

Whilst this article is likely to appear a month or so after his birthday, please join the BC Rugby Section in raising a glass to one of the British Club's finest!

Scribe

RUGBY DATES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2004

RBSC SIX NATIONS

14 FEBRUARY

Wales v Scotland, Cardiff
France v Ireland, Paris

15 FEBRUARY

Italy v England, Rome

21 FEBRUARY

Scotland v England, Edinburgh
France v Italy, Paris

22 FEBRUARY

Ireland v Wales, Dublin

6 MARCH

England v Ireland, Twickenham
Italy v Scotland, Rome

7 MARCH

Wales v France, Cardiff

20 MARCH

England v Wales, Twickenham
Ireland v Italy, Dublin

21 MARCH

Scotland v France, Edinburgh

27 MARCH

Ireland v Scotland, Dublin
Wales v Italy, Cardiff
France v England, Paris

ENGLAND TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

19 JUNE

New Zealand v England, Dunedin

26 JUNE

New Zealand v England, Auckland

3 JULY

Australia v England, Sydney

OTHER TOUR MATCHES

12 JUNE

Argentina v Wales, Buenos Aires
South Africa v Ireland, Bloemfontein

19 JUNE

Argentina v Wales, Buenos Aires
Australia v Scotland, Brisbane
South Africa v Ireland, Cape Town

26 JUNE

Australia v Scotland, Melbourne
South Africa v Wales, Pretoria

SANZAR TRI NATIONS

17 JULY

New Zealand v Australia, Wellington

24 JULY

New Zealand v South Africa, Christchurch

31 JULY

Australia v South Africa, Perth

7 AUGUST

Australia v New Zealand, Sydney

14 AUGUST

South Africa v New Zealand, Johannesburg

21 AUGUST

South Africa v Australia, Durban

AUTUMN INTERNATIONALS DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

England v Canada
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SPORT'S UPDATE

TIGHTS, ACTION, CALLISTHENICS

All Sport's activities will start in January 2004 so sign up now! Members are invited to join any of the activities, even though the courses have already started.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Started on Sunday, 18 January

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

Venue: Back Lawn - Cricket Nets

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

Trainer: Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach

JUNIOR TENNIS

Friday Afternoon lessons started on 16 January

Prices are for a 10 week session

Beginners age 5 - 8 years 4.00pm - 4.30pm B 1,500

Intermediate age 9 - 11 years 4.30pm - 5.30pm B 2,000

Advanced age 12 - 16 years 5.30pm - 6.30pm B 2,500

Coach Zubin and Piyant Engineer.

JUNIOR SQUASH

Started on Friday, 16 January

Mini Squash: age 5 - 7 years 4.30pm - 5.15pm

Junior Squash: age 8 - 10 years 5.15pm - 6.00pm

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,900 for 10 lessons

JUNIOR SWIMMING

The Bangkok Dolphins' Friday and Saturday lessons started on 16 January.

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons.

TEAKWONDO LESSONS

Started on Sunday, 18 January

Time: 10.30am - 12.00nn

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons

AQUA AEROBICS

Started again every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 January and 8 January.

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Main Pool

Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.

Trainer: Els van den Broecke 01 - 692 0106

AEROBICS

Started on Monday 19 January onwards.

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Venue: Squash Court 3

**** Sunday classes are held from Sunday, 25**

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons



On January 16, the first floor of the British Club became the scene of a "murder à la carte" event, where 72 members were helping the world-famous Mr. Sherlock McClue to investigate a mysterious and murderous incident while enjoying a three course dinner of Pumpkin Soup, Venison Ragout, Baked Apples and Coffee, and Cognac or Liquor!

The year is 1912, the place is London and the scene is the dining room in a spacious house in West London. "What The Butler Saw" is the name of the game.

Sir Douglas Eton-Hogg and his niece, Agatha Eton-Hogg, had invited British Bunny Mandelson, the French Georgette Michel, the Americans Oscar Hemmingway III and Sister Morticia Lewinskaya as well as two Germans, Mary Lippe-Anstoldt and Herr Schnapps for a celebratory dinner!

Unfortunately just before the dinner started, the Butler was discovered murdered in bed.....

During dinner bits of information were released and the participants' task was asking questions and eventually come up with their version of events and declaring who their suspect(s) is/are.....

Was Sir Douglas Eton-Hogg, (Jonathan Nichols) an eccentric right-wing MP, Agatha Eton-Hogg (Charlotte Nichols), Sir Douglas' niece, or Oscar Hemmingway III (Suman C. Tharan), a loud American, interested in big-game hunting and dubious business deals the murderess/murderer?

Soon the suspicion switched to Bunny Mandelson (Gustavo Benitez), Agatha's fiancé, a gentleman of very little brain, Georgette Michel, (Pippa Harker) a young French woman, a friend of Agatha and something of a flirt and even to Sister Morticia Lewinskaya, (Katherine Roberts) a nun from Chicago, Oscar's personal spiritual advisor.

With the help of intriguing questions and misleading answers by Mary Lippe-Anstoldt (Paula Ratjaratnam), a German Music Hall artiste, a star, and Herr Schnapps (David Amitin), a German industrialist, with every appearance of being bourgeois, each table of participants came up with the final solution of the crime and identified their suspect.

The murder was solved before the evening was out, but the main objective of the event that all the guests enjoyed themselves was the major achievement of the evening when by midnight Mr. Sherlock McClue (Eric Miller) unveiled the results of his investigative work.

It was impressive to see that 2 of the 8 groups of attendants had the right problem-solving talents and, after intensive discussions during the course of the evening, came up with the right, and guilty, suspect.

That the Chairman, and his partner were among the successful detectives bears good for the Club and all the mysterious cases he is trying to solve at the moment

Upon requests of many, the organiser of this successful evening, Gisi van Walbeek, is now planning to murder a few more victims.

PASTA, PASSION & PISTOLS

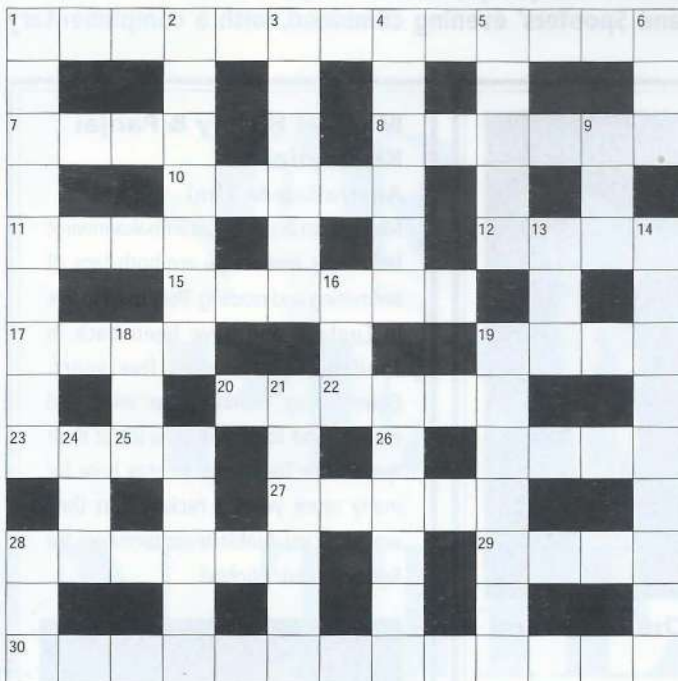
The owner of a renowned Little Italian Bistro, Pepi Rone is dead. The murder involves Ms. Tara Misu, Mr. Marco Roni, Mama Rosa amongst the 8 suspects.

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CROSSWORD



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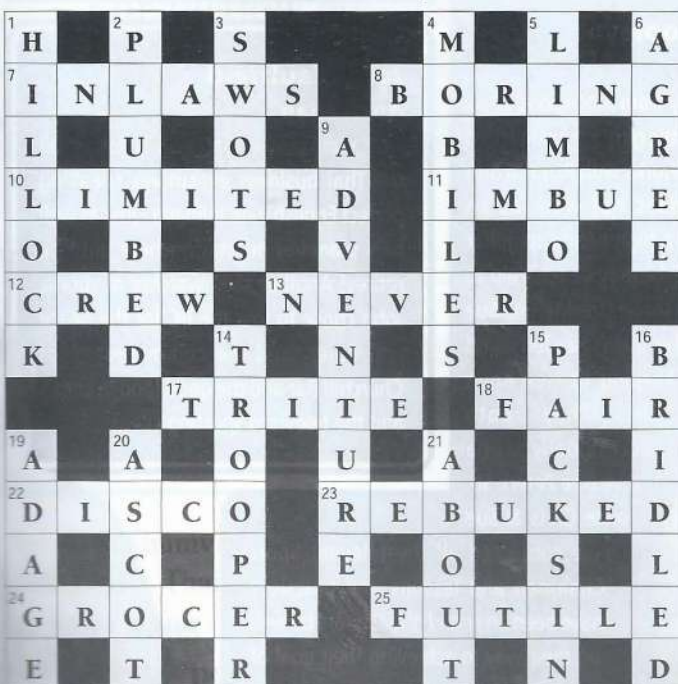
Across

1. He terrorised the streets of the East End of Victorian London. (4,3,6)
7. Almost on the way - for a big defeat.
8. Very cool in all respects.
10. Somehow acted like a trainee officer.
11. Worn baldric-wise as part of a uniform.
12. "We will _____ you, never fear, most politely!" (W.S. Gilbert)
15. It is said that this person knows more and more about less and less!
17. It must be returned.
19. The Body governing World football.
20. Go away to mend.
23. A little note to remind you.
26. Cut in some way.
27. Just some kind of a nut!
28. It's a gentle blow.
29. The chaps for a game of cricket or football.
30. It always comes between Britain and the USA. (8,5)

Down

1. A Holy City to more than one faith.
2. In pre-fast food days, it was the heart of the house.
3. Support - and demand the money! (4,2)
4. It is in the roof.
5. An American dog!
6. This boy is a real bit of sunshine.
9. It's a can in the USA.
13. His motto was "I am the Greatest!"
14. He is an attraction for tourists outside Buckingham Palace.
16. It means Second Sight.
18. Get ready for war.
19. Wildly excited.
21. Look forward to.
22. It's frozen north of 30 Across.
24. The poet Pope said that to do it is human!
25. Work on a very long time for a musical production.
28. A 3 Down for ladies!

Solution January



NEW MEMBERS

The Churchill Bar is the place to be to meet new Members. Tuesday, 13 January was no exception. A whole bunch of new Members and old Members made up the ranks and had a very enjoyable evening. New Members' Night is always Tuesday, which means it is also Ladies' Night and Spoofers' evening combined, with a complimentary buffet. All members are welcome.

Thidarat Tanking Thai

Thidarat (pictured with dad) has come of age and is now a Member of the Club in her own right. When she's not got her head in her medical study books she enjoys swimming, exercise and reading. She claims to have no particular goals while living in Thailand, but I suspect passing her degree may be one...



Mark Butters British

Slow off the mark (sorry!) in joining the Club, Mark has been in Thailand for 14 years already and intends to be here for at least another 14! An avid watcher of sports and movies, he has joined the Club for the facilities, events and anticipation of meeting the wonderful Members. Mark is also an active member of the British Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.



Wellington Chu & Wakami Shimizu

American & Japanese

New to Bangkok but not to Asia (already lived in Hong Kong, Taipei, Beijing and Hiroshima), Wellington & Wakami share a love of hiking and the lush greenery of the Club. Wellington is here with Ford Motor Company and likes bicycling and tennis (he says thank you to the Tennis Committee for getting the courts ready for him!) and Wakami will be spotted on the golf greens in due course.

Michael Hickey & Panjai Khamvilai

Australian & Thai

Michael, an academic at Sirinakarinwirot University, and Panjai are both fans of swimming and reading. They used to live in England and have been back in Thailand for the past five years. Entertaining, drinking fine wine and eating good food take up a lot of their spare time. They hope to stay here for many more years. I reckon that they would be invaluable team members for Rodney's Quiz Nights!



Chris & Sue Dooley British

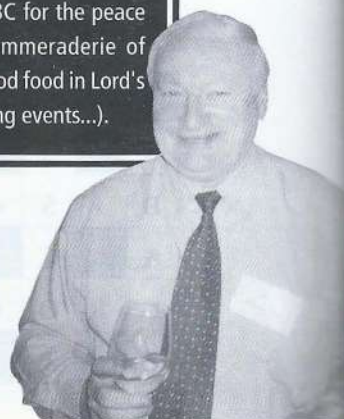
Arriving last February from Singapore, Chris & Sue and their two little girls are well-settled in this fair city. Chris works with Royal & Sun Alliance and Sue does not work as an orthoptist.... Chris is a high handicap golfer (see Larry) and thinks he may be a bit old to play soccer (see Martin). Sue likes tennis (see Terry) and keeping fit (see Khun Rit). They both occasionally scuba dive (see Peter). So,



once Chris & Sue have contacted all the relevant Sport Chairmen and lessons and practices have been arranged, they should be well on their way to achieving their goal of balancing work and leisure!

John Caulfield Australian

John's mission in Bangkok is to get all the Thai business executives speaking perfect English with Inlingua - just as well he's planning on staying here until he retires! Another keen watcher of sports, John chose to join the BC for the peace and quiet (and the comradery of Churchill Bar and the good food in Lord's and the televised sporting events...).



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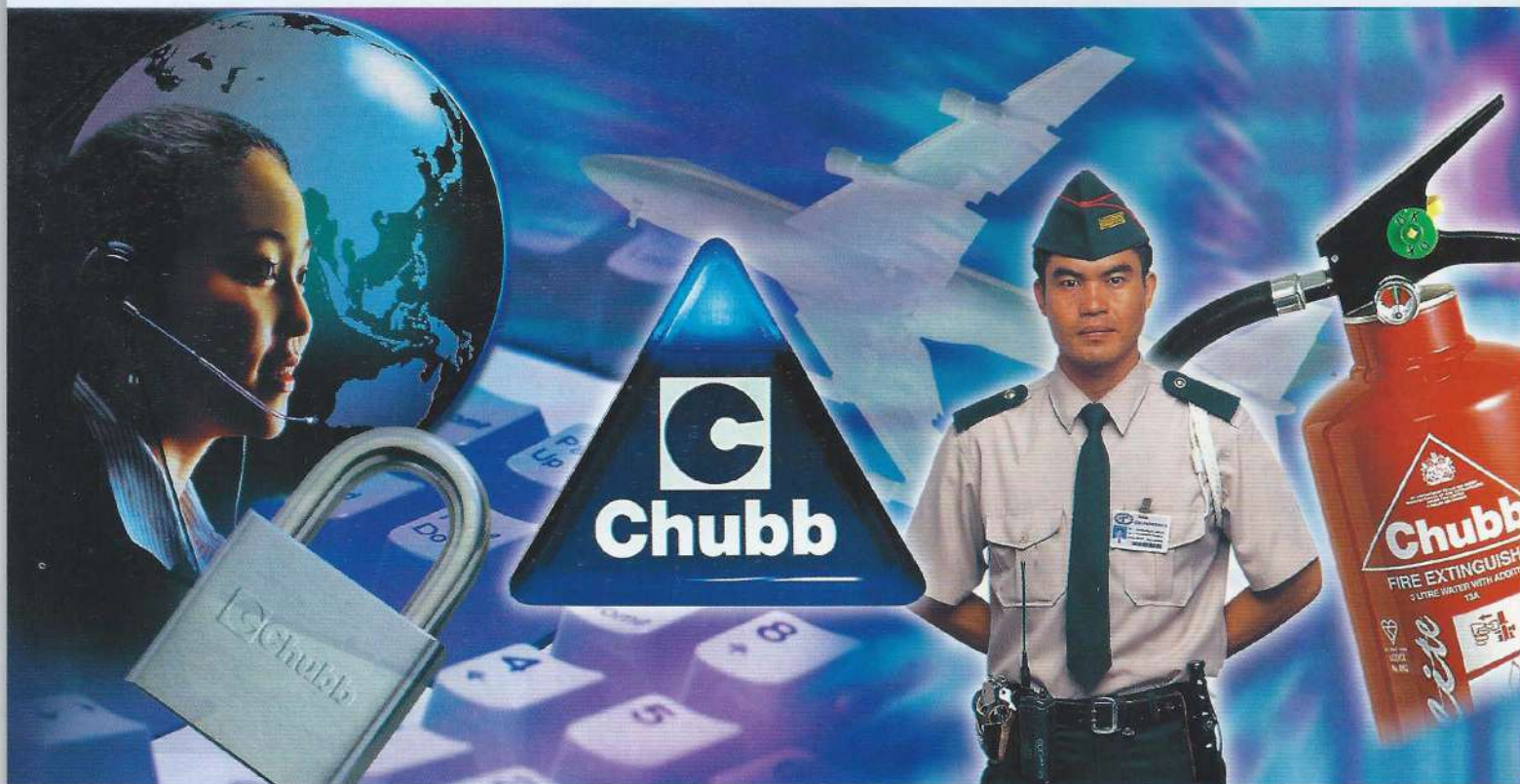
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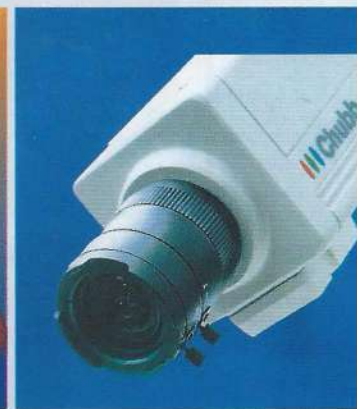
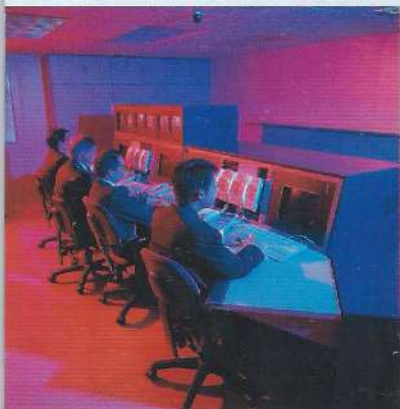
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